

Privacy Introduction, Background & Objectives

Or: Why Are We Here, What Was Done
Before, and What Are We Supposed to Do?



What is JCOTS?

- Created in 1997
- Permanent legislative commission composed of 7 delegates and 5 senators
- Charged to “generally study all aspects of technology and science and to promote the development of technology and science in the Commonwealth of Virginia through sound public policies”
- Delegate Joe May is the current Chair

What's an Advisory Committee?

- After each legislative session, JCOTS adopts a work plan that identifies “issues to actively study through Advisory Committees”
- Advisory Committees are composed of members of the Commission, who co-chair the committees, and citizen members with expertise in the matters under consideration by the committee
- Advisory Committee citizen membership expires at the end of the calendar year

2004 Advisory Committees

- **COMPUTER CRIMES**
 - Co-Chairs: Senator Newman, Delegate Rust, Senator Stolle
- **INTEGRATED GOVERNMENT** (permanent)
 - Co-Chairs: Delegate Nixon, Delegate Plum, Senator Howell
- **PRIVACY** (permanent)
 - Co-Chairs: Delegate May, Senator Watkins, Delegate Alexander
- **NANOTECHNOLOGY**
 - Co-Chairs: Senator Wampler, Delegate Purkey, Delegate Cosgrove

What does an Advisory Committee do?

- Advisory Committees study the issues charged to them
- Upon conclusion, they issue their final reports and recommendations. Recommendations can include:
 - Legislative proposals
 - Proposals for further study
 - Other proposals
 - Informal requests and other action

What issues Privacy looked at over the last three years?

- Identity Theft
- Workplace Privacy
- Unsolicited Electronic Mail (Spam)
- Electronic Documents
- Digitizing Government Documents
- Collection and Dissemination of Social Security Numbers and Other Unique Identifying Information

What issues will Privacy look at in 2004?

- Work plan issues:
 - Use of Social Security Numbers
 - Unique Identifying Numbers on Public Records
 - Personal Information on Court Records
 - Workplace Privacy
 - Privacy Implications of Modern Technologies
 - RFID
 - Spyware
 - Event Data Recorders
 - Facial Recognition Software
- Other Issues raised by the Committee

Privacy 2004 meetings

- Wednesday, August 18
 - 1:30 p.m., House Room D
- Wednesday, October 6
 - 1:30 p.m., House Room D
- November 16 or 17
 - if necessary

Administrative Necessity

Or: Please Do the Following As Soon As Possible to Avoid Nasty Looks from JCOTS Staff

- Please return the “Advisory Committee on Privacy Citizen Membership Information” form that accompanied the e-mail informing you of your appointment to the I-Gov Committee
 - You **MUST** complete and return this form even if you waive reimbursement
 - We have extra copies of the form here